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OUR FOREIGN POLICY

By
LEONARD A. BARRETT



The recent address of Secretary Cordell Hull at a dinner given in his honor by the National Press association is a challenge to serious, creative thinking. The secretary clearly suggests what should be our foreign policy in view of the grave European conditions: namely, to "quarantine" the aggressor nations, not by means of armed force, but by peaceful methods which would hold in check the "power" expressed in these lines—Let him hold who has the power and let him take who can. These lines strike terror in the heart of every lover of democracy.

It seems strange that so many of us have long held the opinion that the only alternatives were complete isolation or war. The statement, "We are a Christian nation; let Europe take care of herself," or the frequent remark, "It's none of our business," seem too absurd for reference, if it were not for the responsible sources of leadership from which such ideas originate. There is a basic reason for our concern in what goes on across the seas. In the complexity of our international affairs today, no nation can exist alone. It is not only cowardly but self-destructive for us to maintain an attitude of dire isolation and refuse to enter into an international conference which honestly seeks to preserve the spirit of democracy.

As no physical life can be maintained in a vacuum, so a nation in isolation will perish.

This is the testimony of history. On the other hand, to quarantine the aggressor nation does not mean a call to arms. It is but natural that we endeavor to be free from mere military force. But, is there not a mid-position between isolation and arms which a Christian nation can take? This is a question which requires the clear thinking of every citizen.

What methods which will not result in self-destruction or war can we use to preserve democracy? Perhaps the principle of the boycott successfully used in former international disagreements is the most potent thus far suggested. This method is the alternative of violence. Public opinion should be aroused to the point of earnest expression that demands all possible peaceful protests to check the onrush of the power of dictatorship. Dictatorship is the deadly foe of democracy. This is a time for serious exchange of information, as that information comes from individual minds influenced by the attitude of international co-operation for peace. Such honest exchange of ideas will in no way limit the action of a nation, but will clarify and magnify the minds of every alert citizen. The only ideas worthy of respect are those born in the hour of courage that seeks the common good.

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When O. S. University Opened
Ohio State university was opened in 1873 with 17 students and a faculty of a president and seven professors.

FOR SPRING DAYS



A flower and lace Baydore printed silk crepe dress suitable for early spring days.

White and Dark Clothes

Only in bright sunshine are white clothes in general materially cooler than dark ones, the white reflecting more light and affording the body protection from the sun. The United States bureau of standards has tested various fabrics to determine their reflecting power, and has found that the tropical closely-woven white fabrics not only reflect much of the sunlight but also prevent the transmission of ultra-violet rays to the skin; according to the tests of the bureau, it makes little difference whether the color is black, white, red or green. Under ordinary weather conditions, that is in the absence of bright sunshine, there is probably little difference in warmth between light and colored clothing of the same material.

Dutch Olykoeks

Dutch olykoeks, or stuffed raised doughnuts, were made with great ceremony. The yeast was set to lighten a little after noon. Just before supper this was made into a rich dough by the addition of many eggs, much butter, and nutmeg flavoring. At bedtime the dough was kneaded. Next morning it was shaped into balls, each stuffed with a mixture of chopped apple, raisins, and candied peel. These were left to rise until after dinner, when they were cooked in hot fat and then rolled generously in sugar.

Many Endings to Novel

Probably no novel in history has had more endings than "The Mystery of Edwin Drood," which Charles Dickens was writing when he died suddenly in 1870. As Dickens left no notes about how he intended to end the story, notes a writer in Collier's Weekly, more than a hundred writers have attempted to complete it, one being a spiritualist, who claimed that his ending was authentic because he had obtained his facts directly from Dickens' spirit.

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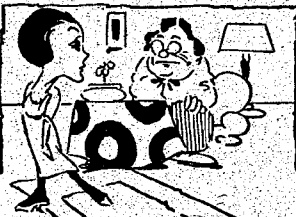
"Your tree, sir, is hopelessly decayed."
"Why didn't those other tree men tell me that before?"
"Perhaps they didn't speak from the inside."

SMALL MATTER



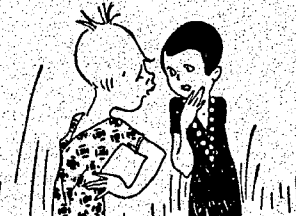
"I suppose you're peeved because your wife ran away and didn't tell you where she was going?"
"No. Because she came back and won't tell me where she's been."

WATCHES THE CLOCK



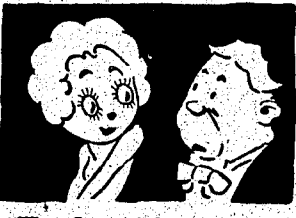
Aunt Prim—Does your young man let much time go to waste?
Miss Sweet—Well-er-not till after hours, auntie.

NO HOOP SKI



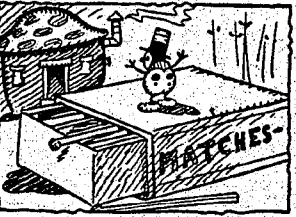
"Peggy can't keep still in her new suit."
"It's a spring suit, you know."

NO BANK NIGHTS



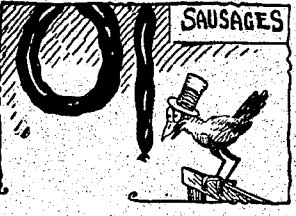
"When I married you you hadn't a cent to your name."
"I haven't now, either, it's all in your name."

GOOD LUCK



Mr. Bug—Come out, dear, and see what a nice load of cord wood some one has left for us.

OVERSTUFFED



Mr. Crow—Gee, wouldn't it be great if a fellow could eat worms that big?

FAE REMOVED



"Uncle Jim, I wish you'd let me have a tinner. I appeal to you as a close relative."
"You do, eh? Well, here's a dollar."

REAL CLUE



Sherlock Bug—Ah! I've got a scent at last.



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Turning Her Coat Once Saved Margaret of Kent

In olden days in Britain, Queen Margaret of Kent, the first Christian queen to teach her people that religion, was imprisoned in a tower by her cousin Frith, who wished to rule Kent himself. Queen Margaret longed to escape to join her soldiers, who were gathered across the river, afraid to attack the tower.

Margaret saw them from her prison and knew she must reach them some way to inspire their flagging courage. But if she tried to cross the river, which was frozen solid and white, her many-colored cloak of bright patches would be easily seen by Frith's men.

However, the gallant queen made the attempt, relates a writer in the Washington Star, and escaping the tower, had an inspiration at the river side. By turning her cloak inside out, its white lining protected her from sight on the ice as she braved the crossing and joined her men on the other side, undiscovered. The next day Kent was in her power again and Christian rule restored.

Early times in Britain were dangerous, indeed. Every town was surrounded by a deep forest for protection. If a stranger entered here, he was compelled to announce his coming by blowing continuous blasts on a horn. Otherwise he would be speared on sight if discovered. "Skulking strangers come for no good," was the belief.

A Classic Example

The Hermitage, beautiful and historic home of Andrew Jackson, lies only a few minutes from the heart of Nashville, Tenn. The building is a classic example of the best architecture of its day and is preserved in every detail almost precisely as it was when Old Hickory passed away. The site of The Hermitage presents a scene of sylvan loveliness and quietude reminiscent of days gone by. The home contains relics and mementos of Jackson's tempestuously busy and aggressive life. The rooms are furnished with the pieces which Jackson and his family actually used, and the grand stairway in the lower hall ranks as one of the most beautiful.



Spring housecleaning time is here.

What kind of equipment do you use when you wash windows in your home? Thoughtless housewives too often climb up on rickety ladders and dangerous stools and even teeter on rocking chairs in order to reach high places.

The only wise practice is to use a good, sturdy step ladder which provides a place for the water container.

Falls cost 26,000 lives in 1937! And a word about home dry cleaning. Despite countless warnings of danger, people persist in using naphtha, gasoline, and other cleaning fluids indoors in inadequately ventilated rooms. Explosions and fires caused by faulty handling of these cleaning fluids have caused severe injuries and have cost many persons their lives.

Do all your home dry cleaning out of doors.

Bids Wanted

For moving of the Town Hall. For particulars and specifications see Fred Niederer at Grayling, Greenhouse, Grayling, Mich.

All bids must be in hands of Fred Niederer by May 1st. Right to reject any and all bids reserved.

Dan C. Babbitt,
Township Clerk.

The Sandhill Crane

The sandhill crane is no mean foe, when erect standing almost as tall as a man. His size is less conspicuous because his plumage is a slaty gray and hard to discern in brush. Unlike many wading birds, the sandhill crane often feeds on land.

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"Little Stories for Bedtime" by Thornton W. Burgess



BILLY MINK HUNTS IN VAIN

IN VAIN Billy Mink searched for rats in the big barn. The smell of them was everywhere, but the rats themselves had disappeared completely. Time after time, following a trail, Billy was led to the opening out of doors under the barn. It was clear that all the rats had left the big barn and that all had gone out the same way.

"They've moved off somewhere," thought Billy. "I frightened them so that they didn't dare stay here any longer. All have gone, young, old, big, little, and middle-sized. There is no fun left for me here in the big barn. I think I'll follow them. Where they can go, I can go. They are a gang of robbers. They are ugly, dirty, and of no account whatever. In fact, they're worse than that. They have so many babies at a time and have them so often that there is danger that they will drive their honest neighbors off the earth. Yes, I think I'll follow them."

Billy cautiously poked his head through the opening that led out of doors. Then he blinked with surprise. Outside everything was spotlessly white. It was snowing. It had been snowing for some time. Not a footprint of a single rat was to be seen. Moreover, there was no scent for Billy to follow by means of his wonderful nose. The snow had covered their trail. Billy could only lick his lips and wonder in which direction those rats had gone.

"If I knew more about this part of the country I would know better where to look for those rats," muttered Billy. "As it is, I haven't been here long enough to know about anything but this barn, the henhouse, and the big woodpile between the two. I wonder if they can have moved over to that woodpile or to the henhouse. The woodpile would give them hiding places, but they wouldn't find anything to eat there."

"If they have gone to the henhouse they can hide underneath it, and for food they can steal eggs and kill a hen. I've known rats to do just those things. I've known them to kill chickens and then have the owner of the chickens blame me or Jimmy Skunk for it. I hate rats. Everybody else does. I know most everybody and I don't know a single person who has a good word to say for Robber the Rat and his gang. I think I'll run over to the henhouse to see if they are there."

So Billy Mink went first to the big woodpile and from there to the henhouse, but not so much as the smell of a rat did he find in either place.

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Toothsome Education . . .

A Child Health Day Feature
On How New York Schools
Are Teaching Dental Hygiene



This unenthusiastic young lady typifies thousands of New York school children who visit Guggenheim dental clinic regularly for lessons in oral hygiene and practical instructions in correct care of the teeth. Objecting at first, they soon find careful attention to the teeth obviates painful dental sessions in the future.



Each youngster's toothbrush is kept in a sterilized rack container at Guggenheim clinic, to be used regularly for "drill" purposes. These students are going through their "daily dental dozen" with vim and vigor.



Off stride, they're being shown the correct brushing movement under supervision of a graduate dentist and nurse. Rubber aprons protect clothing.



Open wide! Youngsters with teeth in bad need of cleaning first undergo a thorough dental scouring, then move to the brushing room where they are taught to keep them spotless.



On the first visit to the clinic, the child's teeth receive a thorough examination. Cavities are filled and, as a last resort, bad teeth extracted. The little patient may decide whether the anesthetic be local or general. This child is taking gas.



The Michigan Mirror

Non-partisan News Letter
Michigan Press Association
By GENE ALLEMAN

Lansing—Governor Frank Murphy's political future continues to be closely allied with the White House.

It was President Roosevelt who selected Murphy, depression mayor of Detroit, to be federal administrator of the Philippines. It was Roosevelt who induced Murphy to leave a flattering salary to head the 1936 New Deal ticket in Michigan.

Two years later when the most precipitous industrial slump in American economic history was plaguing Michigan, throwing one-fourth of the population on public welfare, Murphy was confronted with the unhappy prospect of a \$15,000,000 deficit in the state treasury. Taxpayers were becoming sensitive again, as demonstrated by the widespread interest aroused by Booth papers through publication of Michigan tax articles.

At that crucial moment, the White House decided to launch a gigantic pump-priming program, pouring four billion dollars into cities and farmlands from coast to coast.

Millions for Michigan

What effect will the additional New Deal billions have on Murphy's prospects for re-election?

Political wiseacres are seeking the answer.

Here are new factors:

1. Every town and city in Michigan is scrambling to get its share of federal money. Projects, already approved, call for \$33,302,000—and that is only the beginning! PWA projects will put thousands of union laborers at work. That much money at the disposal of any group of public officials in any campaign year is something to be considered.

2. Farm loans to the farmers. The federal farm subsidy in 1938 will reach an all-time record of more than one billion dollars. The new ever-ready granary plan alone will put \$4,000,000 more into the pockets of Michigan grain growers.

3. Unlimited millions for direct relief and WPA have been extended to Michigan as result of Murphy's personal appeals at the White House. This outpouring of cash will spare Murphy from additional financial deficit.

No Special Session

Unless the unforeseen develops in the near future, the state legislature will not convene in special session.

When pressed by pressmen, Murphy declared a month ago that if a call was issued, it would be because of the need for more relief money. Today Washington is supplying the cash.

Several weeks ago the governor intimated that he might call a session to authorize another tax moratorium. Labor leaders were pressing him for such action. This idea did not meet with approval among members of the governor's cabinet. Auditor General George Gundry frowned on it, declaring

that few homes were involved. Attorney General Raymond Starr whose hard-headed rulings have earned for him a reputation for independent thinking, neatly squelched the plan by reminding the executive office that taxpayers would have more than a year's time in which to redeem property sold for non-payment of taxes.

The only possible justification for a special session in 1938 would be to amend the state housing act to permit cities under the population of Detroit to participate in the government "slum clearance" program. The new housing act, however, has eased the pressure for this revision. Prospects are bright for resumption of home building this year.

Labor Rocks the Boat

The "what next?" chapter in Michigan's turbulent labor history was supplied this month by Flint C.I.O. forces.

In utter violation of their contract with General Motors, Homer Martin's lieutenants at the Buick-Chevrolet city decided to employ force and violence for collection of delinquent dues.

Almost as disgraceful as the recent C.I.O. seizure of utility plants of the Consumers Power Company was the tactics employed at Flint in refusing to permit workers to enter automobile plants unless their dues were paid. The C.I.O.-G.M. agreement does not authorize a closed shop. Yet a closed shop was established, unofficially at least, for several days.

It has served to foment further the labor unrest that now seethes in Flint.

Newspapers in Chicago and New York carried news stories of the Michigan labor trouble. Several years ago General Motors embarked on a definite program of decentralizing industrial operations. It is generally conceded that this movement will be accelerated—opening plants in other states—unless there is a definite turn in Michigan affairs. Youngstown tire workers have seen their jobs dwindle by the thousands under similar circumstances. The writing on the wall is clear. But will Michigan heed it?

Schools Seek Relief

A total of 7,134 teachers in 402 Michigan school districts receive salaries ranging from \$500 to \$1,200, according to Dr. A. J. Phillips, executive secretary, Michigan Educational association. Furthermore, many local school districts are in serious financial trouble. Taxes are already high; taxpayers are rebellious; yet a \$500 to \$1,200 salary for a professionally trained person does not fit in well with American standards.

The answer eventually will come from the local taxpayer. State funds are local funds in reality. You pay the bill, and no one else.

Notice

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bressler of Gaylord will be married 23 years the 14th day of June, 1938. Mr. Bressler works for the Gaylord Lumber and Fuel Co., where he has been for nine years.

Mrs. Earl Bressler, R. 2, Gaylord, Mich.

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SCHOOL NEWS

A survey of the marks given to those graduates of Grayling High school who were in last year's class and went on to various colleges provides interesting information. Seven members of the class of 1937 are attending colleges, including Bay City Business College, Bay City Junior College, Cleary College, Central State Teachers College and the University of Michigan.

The students ranked from top to bottom of their high school class of twenty-eight members. The combined marks ran as follows:

A's—4; B's—28; C's—23; D's—10; E's—4.

From these figures it will be seen that the most common mark was a "B", and that 74% of the marks were either C's or B's, which is entirely creditable.

Honor Roll

12th Grade

Bowen, Keith—1A, 3B's.
Brady, Richard—2A's, 2B's.
Charron, Virginia—4A's.
Dunham, Wesley—1A, 1B.
Hunter, Leslie—1A, 3B's.
LaMotte, Marie—3A's, 1B.
Peterson, Beatrice—4A's.
Peterson, Jennie—4A's.
Peterson, John H.—5A's.
Ruthowski, Lewis—1A, 3B's.

11th Grade

Anthony, Clayton—4A's.
Corwin, Donald—1A, 2B's, 1C.
DeLaMater, Bonita—3A's, 1C.
Nellist, Bette—1A, 2B's, 1C.
Peterson, Kenneth—4A's.
Pynnonen, Nellie—3A's, 1B.
Tahvonen, Eimer—2A's, 2B's.
Tahvonen, Emil—4A's.

10th Grade

Babbitt, Arnold—4B's.
Bolinger, Billy—3A's, 1C.
Brady, Jean—3A's, 1B.
Burrows, Ruth—4A's.
Entsminger, Janice—2A's, 2B's.
Herbison, Robert—2A's, 2B's.
Joseph, Mary Jane—4A's.
Laage, Arline—2A's, 2B's.
McEvers, Virginia—1A, 2B's, 1C.

McNamara, Charles—2A's, 2B's.
McNeven, Gloria—2A's, 1B, 1C.
Miller, Dorothy—4A's.
Peterson, Natalie—4B's.
Peterson, Virginia—4A's.

9th Grade

Annis, Louise—3A's, 1C.
Case, Carol—1A, 2B's, 1C.
Charron, Kathryn—1A, 3B's.
Conroy, Beryl—2A's, 2B's.
Deckrow, Leone—1A, 3B's.
Failing, Bette Jean—4A's.
Flagg, Margaret—2A's, 2B's.
Heath, Joyce—2A's, 1B, 1C.
Janowski, Harold—2A's, 2C's.
Johnston, Leon—2A's, 1B, 1C.
Malloy, Francella—2A's, 2B's.
Martin, Jane Ann—2A's, 2B's, 1C.

Muth, Stella—2A's, 2B's.
Papendick, Rayda—3A's, 1B.
Roberts, Patricia—4A's.
Skingley Robert—2A's, 1B, 1C.
Uhlendorf, Martha—2A's, 1B, 1C.

8th Grade

Broadbent, Elaine—4B's.
Bugby, Eleanor—1A, 3B's.
Bugby, Joyce—1A, 3B's.
Burrows, Leone—2A's, 2B's.
Christenson, Betty—1A, 3B's.
Christenson, Faye—4A's.
Doroh, June—3A's, 1B.
Kernosky, Ruth—1A, 3B's.

7th Grade

Brady, Monica—1A, 3B's.
Church, Jack—1A, 2B's, 1C.
Clark, Robert—2A's, 2B's.
Glover, Kathryn—1A, 3B's.
Hall, Clarabell—1A, 2B's, 1C.
Jeffery, Anna Mae—1A, 3B's.
LaChappelle, Robert—1A, 2B's, 1C.

LaMotte, Ruth—1A, 2B's, 1C.
Markby, Albert—1A, 2B's, 1C.
Nelson, Robert E.—1A, 2B's, 1C.
Perry, Jack—3A's, 1B.
Stevenson, Jean—4A's.
Young, Shirley—1A, 3B's.

Baseball

During spring vacation the local baseball squad pried the lid off the baseball season with a

"MAMA! MAMA! I DON'T WANNA DIE!"

BUT SHE DID DIE! Poor kid, only 8 years old . . . prettiest little girl you'd ever want to see. It was horrible to see her lying in the street . . . bloody and broken. Her Mother hysterical . . . holding her in her arms for the last time. And the man who killed her was there too. He didn't look like a murderer, but you could tell by his face that he felt like one. He just stood there thinking . . . thinking that if he had only been driving a little slower . . . watching where he was driving instead of rushing to get home a few minutes earlier, that child would still be living. But all the "ifs" in the world wouldn't bring that little girl back to life. It was too late!

And pity that driver . . . he will always see that scene . . . his punishment is life imprisonment to a horrible memory. No, Mister, you don't want to be that way . . . just remember when you drive your car that "ifs" can't bring back the dead, or restore the crippled to health . . . drive carefully and there won't be any "ifs!" Please Drive Carefully!



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SECRETARY OF STATE

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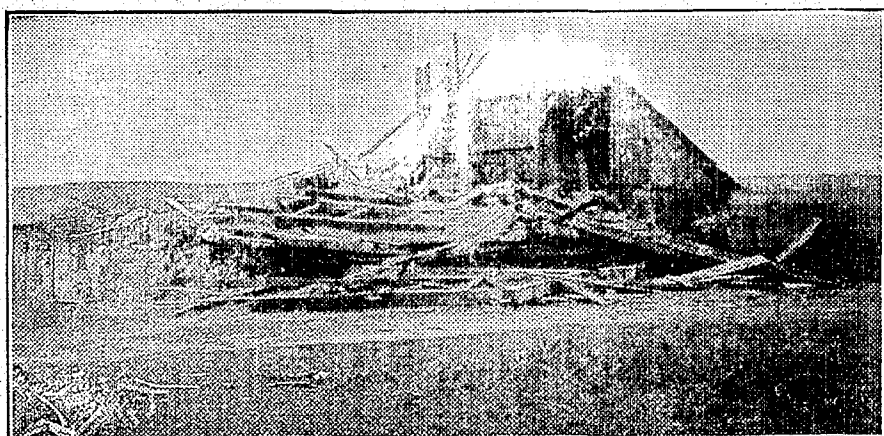
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